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Fire destroys Alcona home

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Innisfil firefighters battle a structure fire at a Blackwoods Drive residence in Alcona on Sunday. There were no injuries.

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Innisfil Examiner

Fire caused major damage to a bungalow in a quiet Alcona residential neighbourhood Sunday afternoon.

There were no injuries.

Both homeowners were inside the one-storey 1,500 square-foot home on Blackwoods Drive when fire broke out around 4 p.m.

Henry Kooistra was watching the Blue Jays game and the Masters golf tournament on television while his wife Lauretta was resting when he saw smoke outside.

Initially, he thought a neighbour was burning debris.

"Then I looked and it was right outside," he told QMI Agency.

He roused his wife and they were able to flee the home. Lauretta Kooistra managed to grab her purse and cell phone as she fled the house while Henry ran outside still wearing his slippers.

They moved their vehicles to safety before emergency crews arrived to battle the blaze.

South Simcoe police and Innisfil firefighters were on scene within minutes to find smoke pouring from hot spots on the roof.

They aggressively attacked the blaze but within minutes, flames erupted from the home's east side eaves.

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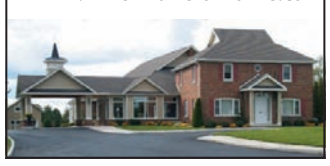

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St. Peter's Anglican Church holds its annual Palm Sunday Procession

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Every year, St. Peter's Anglican Church in the hamlet of Churchill, Innisfil, holds a Palm Sunday procession.

Led by Rector, Rev. Matthew McMillan, parishioners — including children dressed as shepherds and residents of ancient Jerusalem — carry palm fronds as they walk down the hill to the church.

Most years, they are joined by a young donkey, reflecting the prophecy that "The King... would come humble, riding into Jerusalem on a donkey," and representing Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, where he was greeted with palms and shouts of Hosanna from the people.

This year, more than 40 parishioners took part in the procession on April 13, bearing palms and singing hymns and joined by Skittles the Donkey.

Last year, they braved snow flurries, bundled in winter coats. But on Sunday, even the rain held off for the procession.

This is Holy Week in the Christian calendar.

Churches across the region will celebrate Good Friday and Easter Sunday with special services.

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Sunday, April 13 was Palm Sunday and St. Peter's Anglican Church in Churchill held its annual Palm Sunday Procession from the top of the hill to the door of the church accompanied by a donkey. Here, Rev. Matthew McMillan, Rector of St. Peter's, leads the procession.

Home gutted by fire

FROM PAGE 1

By the time firefighters cleared the scene, walls were still standing but the roof was gone with only charred rafters exposed. The structure was completely gutted.

The Kooistras were in shock.

"We just moved here a year and a half ago from just outside of Bradford," Henry Kooistra said, as firefighters were bringing up more hoses to play more water on the roof.

"We love it. This is the last thing I ever expected."

There was no word on a damage estimate or cause of the fire.

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South Simcoe Theatre into Four Play

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

A blood-curdling scream rings out, and echoes in the basement of the Old Town Hall Theatre in Cookstown.

No one notices; it's audition day for South Simcoe Theatre's Four Play, a Showcase of Play Readings, and an actor is simply getting into a role.

Four Play is a summer tradition at the Cookstown theatre - four evenings of play readings, during the first week of June, directed by experienced and new directors.

The process begins with a call for submissions of plays, which arrive from as far away as New York. South Simcoe Theatre decides which plays will be chosen for Four Play, then sends out a call for interested directors, and finally, actors.

It's all very low-key. There's no need for memory work or accompanists; the actors make an appointment for their audition, come out to the theatre, and read the plays in front of the director - and in some cases, the playwright. This year, Audition Day was April 12.

"It's actually a very fun experience, to see the characters brought to life," says writer Raymond James Holmes, whose work, "The Lonely Vigil of Emily Baxter" will be read on June 7.

Fellow-author Jack Trepanier agrees. The playwright may have an internal image of a character, but when it's read on stage by an actor, "they bring it to life differently - and it's even better!"

Both Holmes, a resident of Minesing, and Trepanier, from Stroud, have had works accepted for Four Play before. In fact, Holmes' "vignette" performed last year recently won 3rd place in an Ottawa competition - "quite an honour," he says.

Holmes admits to being interested in all aspects of theatre, from writing, to set design, to a cameo appearance on stage. The next step could be directing. "To direct something would be fun to try," he says, although he laughs, "It may not be a good idea to actor-direct your own play."

Trepanier has no aspirations to take on any role but author - although he did try the stage, in his youth. "It's tempting, but I need to keep my fingers on the keyboard," he says. "Definitely no directing, no acting. I'll just tell the story."

"The most sought-after person in the village is the storyteller," notes Bruce McCallum, a playwright whose work, "Squeeker", a horror radio play, will be read on June 6. The Cookstown resident has been involved in South Simcoe Theatre's Christmas Panto, both as co-writer and on stage - but says that being taken seriously as an author, and hearing an actor present his words under a director's guidance, "is such an honour."

All three playwrights are unanimous about one thing: they will be attending Four Play, a Showcase of Play Readings - "all performances!"

Four Play schedule

South Simcoe Theatre presents Four Play: A Showcase of Play Readings, June 5 to 8 at the Old Town Hall Theatre, 1 Hamilton St. in Cookstown. This year's plays will include long and short works by writers from Cookstown, Alliston, Innisfil, Minesing, Toronto and New York.

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Comparing scripts at the auditions for South Simcoe Theatre's Four Play: A Showcase of Play readings are authors and playwrights (from left) Bruce McCallum, Raymond James Holmes and Jack Trepanier, on Saturday, April 12 at the Old Town Hall theatre in Cookstown.

Saturday, June 7 at 8 p.m. - Four Eulogies, by Jack Trepanier, directed by Robert Newby; and The Lonely Vigil of Emily Baxter, by Raymond James Holmes - directed by George Gibson and Chelsea Stephan.

Sunday, June 8 at 2 p.m. - The Retirement Plan, by Robin Pond, directed by Nancy Knapp.

Tickets are $5 per day; call the Box office at 705-458-4432. For more information on the plays and directors, see www.southsimcoetheatre.com

Commercial vehicle enforcement blitz a success

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Poor maintenance, equipment failure, broken parts, insecure loads, lack of documentation: those are the key reasons for commercial vehicles to be pulled from the road, on inspection.

In Bradford West Gwillimbury and Innisfil, commercial vehicle enforcement blitzes generally remove the plates from one in three commercial vehicles stopped for one or more of those reasons.

Const. Jason VanderSar, a member of the South Simcoe police traffic and marine unit and the police service's only Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance-certified inspector, noted that in a recent blitz, 37% of the commercial vehicles stopped had their plates removed, well above the provincial average of 27%.

VanderSar regularly works with other police services and the Ministry of Transportation to carry out commercial vehicle inspections.

He is certified to look underneath the vehicles, checking for everything from broken leaf springs to drive train problems.

He is also the service's only dangerous goods inspector, certified to check the transportation of fuels, propane and other hazardous materials.

VanderSar was describing his job — and some of the worst infractions he has seen on local roads — at the April 14 meeting of the Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board.

There was the dilapidated van pulled over on 10 Sideroad. Not only did the vehicle have brake issues, there were two children in the back of the van in car seats secured with a home-made seatbelt.

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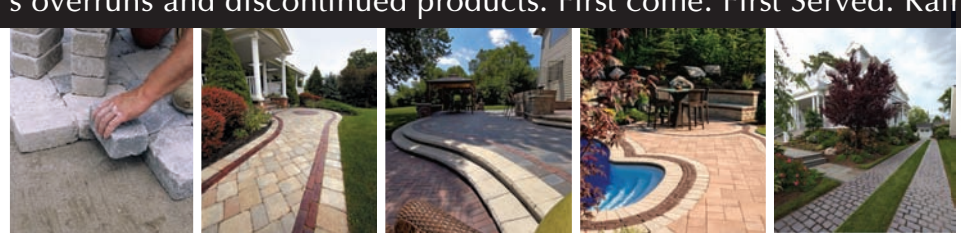
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Quebec survives the storm

With its separatist stowaway shoved below decks, it's time Quebec threw its weight into helping the rest of Canada lay on more sail to speed the nation's economic recovery.

Quebec premier-designate Philippe Couillard said it best, after his Liberals dealt Pauline Marois and her Parti Quebecois a stunning provincial election defeat.

"Quebec is one of the founders of this country," said Couillard, who won a majority mandate. "For me, it's important that we find our leadership role once again with our partners from the other Canadian provinces, territories, with the federal government."

Bravo.

For 18 long months - a year and a half too long - Marois and her minority government took one of Canada's largest provinces off the oars.

They squandered time and political capital both on the PQ's divisive secular charter of values, and on flirting with independence, something Marois only shelved as her party plunged in the polls.

And for a province of its size and heft, Quebec under-performed economically, averaging less than 2% annual growth.

Canada has put nearly five years between itself and the brutal 2008-09 recession, more than making up its job losses and weathering the storm far better than most G7 nations. But we're too small an economy to afford to have our second-most populous province not fully engaged in putting even more water between the downturn and what, in central Canada at least, remains a stubbornly slow comeback.

Quebec can't afford prolonged political distractions, either - not with its budget books still under water, not with its future hobbled by an aging population and not with its unfinished business of political corruption still being probed by a provincial commission.

If ever there was a province that needed to get back to business and stability, it's Quebec.

For years, the West has carried Canada's recovery. Ontario is slowly shifting that dividing line to the Ottawa River, across from which Quebec - with one-third of Canada's 42,000 new jobs created last month - shows potential to put more skin into the game.

Couillard says he's ready to talk jobs and prosperity with the rest of Canada.

Finally, all hands on deck.

SUN MEDIA

Letters

Top court too permissive

One would be forgiven for thinking that a reform of prostitution laws would be something our Conservative government would never conceive.

But then, one could say the same for Colorado's state government transforming marijuana into a new recreational pastime permitted by the law and encouraged by the flourishing of a new drug market for the once-banned substance.

How does one begin to say that the Supreme Court of Canada's ruling that allowing brothels and permitting prostitution is not illegal? That it is unconstitutional to stop people from living off the avails of prostitution or criminalize the prostitute and the john?

Of course, the Governor General still has to approve the changes, as does the Senate and the Parliament. But I don't think Canadians much care what the Senate has to say at this juncture; it has caused enough problems.

It is one thing for Justice Minister Peter MacKay to acknowledge that violence and murder affects prostitutes and society. It is one thing to acknowledge that sex traffickers are so devious and manipulative that there is not one organization or official or person whose removal would ease the trafficking problem.

It is quite another to adopt an anti-prostitution stance and say to people why outlawing it protects women and children. If we are trying to create a society that respects the body and honours everyone's dignity, then the selling of flesh flouts the attempt.

Films such as Trade and Human Trafficking are meant to educate the public about the problem and protect young women. Some of these films sensationalize the problem, others do not. The reality remains that men have been known to sell their girlfriends or wives to collaborators who assist with the abduction. Girls have been deceived with false promises of fame or modelling jobs and then held against their will so their abductors can prostitute them to sick men.

Legalizing prostitution will not affect the traffickers as much as one may think.

What if we looked at the problem a different way? Governments and activists need to continue showing girls and women that prostitution is never an option. That it is better to work a low-paying job with dignity then to resort to activities likely to get them killed.

Governments need to learn the lesson society learned from serial killers like Robert Pickton and Jack the Ripper.

Pickton thrived on abducting women marginalized by society; ones he knew no one would care for. Sadly, that includes prostitutes and scores of missing aboriginal women. Pickton reminds us that we are still a misogynistic and racist society. Had Pickton attacked a well-known, Caucasian celebrity, the backlash from the authorities may have been different.

Jack the Ripper knew this; that society cares for the wealthy and privileged, so he targeted prostitutes, directing his particular madness at them.

The feminist movement's accomplishment did much to enhance women's power and reduce gender prejudice. But more must be done to overcome the racial prejudice that led to our society's inability or unwillingness to explain the disappearance of so many aboriginal women and girls.

There is one final point to consider. If we choose to allow our society to become one where everything is permitted, nothing is forbidden, where do we draw the line?

People complained, so we allowed prostitution. Society then has to explain to its youth the reasoning behind the decision. After that, we permit recreational drug use, thereby undoing every moral argument and legal action for generations and creating new addicts.

What's next? How about we take a page from the Romans book and allow martial art fights to the death? Our own gladiatorial duels for people to enjoy.

I could quote religious texts, philosophical arguments about why recreational drug use and prostitution should be outlawed. I will not because they are easily found on the Internet.

Whatever Canada is being ushered in by the overly-permissive Supreme Court is not the one I was raised in.

Christopher Mansour
Barrie

Radicalization needs to end

Youth radicalization in Canada seems to be getting crazier, and crazier.

Syria and Canada are producing friction and this can only be resolved one way.

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It is only leaders who lead by example, and can put an end to radicalization.

Some Muslim youth have a common misconception that the epitome of Islam is 'fighting' in the way of God.

The real epitome of Islam is fighting against yourself, and winning – defeating your inclinations to sin, and living a life of peace, love, and compassion.

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APR. 18

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APR. 18

Bradford Greenhouses, 4346 County Road 90, holds its Annual Easter Egg Hunt starting at 9 a.m. - until supplies last. For more information, call 705-725-9913.

APR. 18-20

Enjoy spring at Chappell Farms, 617 Penetanguishene Road. It features a candy hunt, baby animals, free face painting, and more, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, call 705-721-1547.

APR. 19

The Rotary Club of Innisfil holds its second annual Celebration by the Lake Gala, on Saturday, April 19, at the Kempenfelt Conference Centre, 3722 Fairway Rd. in Innisfil. The evening will include dining, dancing, Live and Silent auctions, prizes - and the presentation of Innisfil's Unsung Heroes awards to two residents, an adult and a Youth.

The awards will be presented to two individuals who best exemplify the Rotary motto of "Service above Self." There are many citizens who assist, volunteer their time, or contribute to their community, who do not seek recognition for their community-minded service; the awards offer an opportunity to honour these "Unsung Heroes." Nomination forms are available online at www.innisfilrotary.com, and at several businesses in Innisfil, or from any Rotarian. For more information, tickets, or to offer sponsorship, contact Anne Kell, ankeipl@gmail.com or 705-456-3528,

APR. 25

Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, is hosting a Roast Beef Dinner on Friday, April 25. Cost is $16 per person, $7 for children 10 and under. Enjoy Roast Beef, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Turnips, Carrots, Peas, and Home-made pies for dessert, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. For tickets, contact Lorna Oldreive, 905-775-8768 or Sheryl MacPhail, 905-775-3134.

APR. 26

Lakeside Retirement hosts its annual Spring Bazaar on Saturday, April 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tables are still available. Contact Chanelle or Nadiya at 705-431-8105. Vendors will be selling a variety of items, from baked goods to jewellery, crafts, cards, and more!

APR. 26

Back by popular demand, the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion will have guitarist Adam Timoon and with his interactive show of music and comedy. Adam has been a entertainer since the 1960s and here is your chance again to see him. The show runs begins at 7 p.m. Reserve your tickets now as they will go fast. Call Chris Knowles at 705-431-5090. There will be a light lunch served around 9:30 p.m.

APR. 26

The Friends of Scanlon Creek are hosting Birdwatching Workshops, on Saturday, April 26 and Saturday, May 24.

Ken Vogan will provide an Introduction to Birdwatching at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area. Learn the basics about local birds, try out binoculars and various bird books, and check out the Smartphone Apps - and take a walk with an experienced Birder! The Walk will take place from 7:30 to 8:45 a.m., on both days; the Talk, featuring slide show, books, and smartphone apps, takes place from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. At the Nature Centre (entrance on 9th Line BWG). Come for the Walk, the Talk, or both - entrance fee is $10 per vehicle, or free with a Scanlon Creek Annual Pass. RSVP to Wanda Black at w.black@lsrca.on.ca or call 905-895-1281 ext. 22.

MAY 3

There will be a Spring Fling Bazaar on Saturday, May 3 at the Bradford Valley Long Term Care Home, 2656 Line 6, Bradford. It will run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MAY 4

Want to make a difference? The South Simcoe Streams Network is sending out an 'Early Bird' call for volunteers to participate in Trees for Streams Work Party Days: planting native trees and shrubs along local streams and rivers. Scheduled work days this spring include: April 26 - Adjala -Tosorontio, 9 a.m. to noon; May 3 - New Tecumseth, 9 a.m. to noon; Sunday, May 4 - Innisfil, 9 a.m. to noon; May 24 - Essa Twp., 9 a.m. to noon and Saturday, June 14 in Bradford West Gwillimbury, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Register as an individual or a group for a tree planting event. RSVP to Silvia Pedrazzi at silvia@nottawasaga.com or call 705-435-1540. Each day will include an orientation session, and refreshments.

High school students are welcome to participate, and earn their community hours. The tree-planting is made possible in part with support from the Government of Ontario and the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

MAY 10

Bond Head & District Horticultural Society's annual Mother's Day Plant & Bake Sale at the Bond Head Community Hall, on County Rd. 27 - Saturday, May 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. Members will be bringing in their extra perennials, house plants, herbs, tubers, bulbs, small shrubs, trees - even garden ornaments. Inside, home-baked pies, cakes, cookies and squares will be available. Pick up a gift for Mom.

MAY 10

Innisfil Eastern Star will host a Luau Dinner at 6 p.m. on Saturday May 10 at the Masonic Hall, 2156 Victoria Street, Stroud. The menu for the Hawaiian dinner will include chicken, pork, salmon, fresh fruit (including pineapple) and tea or coffee. The cost of the dinner is $15.00 per person. For information or tickets call 705-722-6275.

JUNE 4

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Tickets are $5 per day; call the box office at 705-458-4432. For more information on the plays and directors, see www.southsimcoetheatre.com

JUNE 28

Help keep Jeff Musson's memory alive by participating in the inaugural Jeff Musson Memorial Golf Tournament.

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Hospital therapy dogs make a difference

IAN MCINROY Innisfil Examiner

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IAN MCINROY
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It's hard to miss Forrest, a 163-pound bundle of fun trundling down the hallway.

Forrest is not your regular volunteer at the Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH).

He's one of the four-legged variety which bring a little light and laughter to patients, staff and visitors alike.

Forrest is a leonberger (a giant dog breed) and a Therapeutic Paws of Canada dog. He's a big hit with patients and visitors in RVH.

The 'paws-itive' influence he and other therapy dogs have on patients shouldn't be underestimated, according to Tracey Fletcher, manager of the respiratory unit.

"They bring a sense of home to the hospital and they can make patients feel better," she said. "We have patients who, when the therapy dogs come, are taken back to a time when they had a treasured pet. We have patients cry when they see the dogs because the happy feelings the canines bring with them is overwhelming.

"It's a positive experience because the dogs are so well trained."

Cathryn Cuffe, a patient in the RVH's respiratory unit, is especially fond of her canine visits.

"I love their temperament and how they make me feel comfortable. They're so loving," she said, while stroking Forrest's head. "Dogs are very stimulating to people who are alone or are feeling alone. A lot of people don't have visitors to the hospital. I don't. I'm not from here. I just can't say enough about how awesome they are."

Fletcher sums up the therapy dogs' effect on Cuffe.

"They make Cathryn's day better," she said.

Forrest's owner, Anna-Marie Kristensen, said people at RVH are constantly coming up to him to say hi.

"Some days it's hard to get anywhere on time," she laughed, while her pooch was working his magic. "You watch people pat him and their faces light up. He always bring a smile to their faces. No matter what's going on in their day, I can see he makes them smile."

She enjoys bringing happiness into someone's life with her two therapy dogs, who have been extensively trained. Forrest obeys hand and verbal cues and when Kristensen needs to back him up — sometimes he needs a big turning radius — she holds up one hand and starts saying "beep, beep, beep."

"There are certain criteria the dog and the owner must meet. It has to be a good fit," she said. "That's why I like Therapeutic Paws of Canada and the other therapy dog organizations (St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dogs also visit RVH).

Fletcher said hospitals aren't just about examinations and medication.

"Providing a positive patient experience involves non-medical events which also play a role in the healing process, such as having a visit from a therapy dog," she said.

"As soon as a pet-loving patient on my unit sees the dogs, I can instantly see their countenance change for the better."

Therapy dogs visit RVH every day except Fridays. They usually come in pairs or sometimes three at a time.

Therapy dogs are welcome in the following areas of RVH

- All inpatient units
- Cancer and palliative care
- Mental health inpatient, outpatient
- Rehab inpatient
- Obstetrics and paediatrics
- Geriatric inpatient
- General medicine
- Surgery inpatient

More Lake Simcoe cleanup cash

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

The federal government has announced the next round of funding, $8.6 million, under the new Lake Simcoe-Southeastern Georgian Bay Clean-Up Fund.

It's an extension and expansion of the original Lake Simcoe Clean-Up fund.

The funding is for a total of 26 projects.

Local recipients of the new funding include the Holland Marsh Growers Association; Ladies of the Lake Conservation Association, for restoration projects, stewardship and education; the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority, including $159,000 to support the Scanlon Creek restoration project, improving stream and wetland habitat in the former Scanlon Pond area; and Ducks Unlimited Canada - getting $449,000 to support a collaborative project that will restore and enhance wetlands.

To date, there have been more than 160 Clean-Up Fund projects, from livestock exclusion projects, to septic bed upgrades, waste water and washwater management on farms, and planting of more than 72,000 native trees, shrubs and grasses.

Barrie MP Patrick Brown praised the efforts of the Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund to date, efforts that have been appreciated by the people of Barrie, he said. Results range from cleaner water and less weed growth, to the return of spawning populations of native fish species.

"We notice the real strides we've made in cleaning up Lake Simcoe. It's at the heart of Simcoe County, it's at the heart of our region," Brown said.

The $8.6 million is part of the $29 million in funding announced when the original $30 million, five-year Lake Simcoe Clean-Up Fund came to an end, in 2012.

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The latest round of Lake Simcoe Clean-up fund grants was announced on Tuesday. On hand for the good news were, from left, Oshawa MP Dr. Colin Carrie (parliamentary secretary to the minister of the environment), York-Simcoe MP Peter Van Loan and Barrie MP Patrick Brown.

Weigh scales needed

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The van was pulled from the road and the Children's Aid Society was notified.

Then there was the flatbed truck carrying a 56,000 lb. bulldozer, secured with a single chain. "You need a minimum of four chains," each rated for at least half the weight of the load, VanderSar noted.

"If there's any imminent possibility of any of these items falling off and onto the road," even if it's only a small item left insecure in the back, a vehicle can be pulled over and the plates removed, VanderSar said.

Last year, South Simcoe police received well over 200 complaints regarding commercial vehicles, most of them for dump trucks hauling fill from subway construction in Toronto to a site on the 14th Line of Innisfil west of County Road 27. Complaints included speeding, running stop signs and red lights and at least one collision.

There is a gap in enforcement, however.

Despite half-load restrictions, despite the damage that it does to road surfaces, South Simcoe police currently can't issue charges for overweight commercial vehicles, because the town does not own a set of certified weigh scales and police are hesitant to involve private owners of scales when charges may be laid and court involved.

VanderSar presented a business case for purchasing the scales, which run about $12,800 a pair, noting that the town's share of the hefty fines under the Highway Traffic Act would recoup the cost.

"The cost recovery can be pretty quick," he said.

Just last week, a truck was stopped with a load that was 12,000 kilograms overweight. All South Simcoe police could do was pull the vehicle off the road, waiting for a second truck to arrive to offload some of the weight, but no charges could be laid.

"If you don't have scales, how does the half-load (restriction) work?" asked BWG Mayor Doug White.

"It's not," said VanderSar. "It's unenforceable, unless we're doing a blitz with the ministry."

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Proud parents Kayla McCarville and Alexander Hartwick are extremely happy to announce the birth of their son Parker Scott Ray Hartwick. Born Sunday, April 6th at 12:31am weighing 7lbs, 9oz.

Elated grandparents are Ray and Marg McCarville and Monique Piper. He is also surrounded with love by two great grandparents, Aunties Kelsie, Haley and Megan and Uncle Kris as well as many extended family and friends.

Many thanks to the birthing unit staff at RVH and Dr. Browning.

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Special to the Innisfil Examiner

The 1st Stroud Scout Group is once again offering a chance to win 2 round trip airfare tickets to any WestJet destination. The grand prize tickets have been generously donated by WestJet's Caring for our Community program in recognition of 1st Stroud's WestJet pilot volunteer, David Brennan.

Second and third place cash prizes are also available to be won.

Tickets for the raffle are just $20 and only 500 are available. The winner could choose to travel to destinations in North America, the Caribbean, Hawaii, or Ireland. See the possibilities at www.westjet.com.

The raffle is open to residents of Ontario only and you do not need to be present to win.

Last year's winner, Pete Ferguson, turned his winning ticket into a long awaited trip to visit his family.

They had not been 'home' to Moncton in eight years. During family week, Pete's family flew to New Brunswick to see relatives who had not seen his son since Christian's first birthday.

They created some lifelong memories.

Where will you go if you have the winning ticket?

The winner of the grand prize WestJet tickets will be drawn and announced at 1st Stroud's Escape to Excitement fundraiser on Saturday, May 10 at the Stroud Curling Club.

There will be live music performed by Stroud's own Yellowhead 16 as well as a DJ, cash bar, cold buffet, 50/50 draw, and a silent auction. Tickets to the event are $10.

It's a great time to get together with your local 'rowdy Stroudies', have fun, and raise money for the community's youth. Doors open at 8pm.

For more information on how you can make a donation to the silent auction or otherwise help raise 'FUNds' for 1st Stroud, or to buy a ticket for the WestJet raffle or the event, please call Beth Burke at 705-431-6675.

1st Stroud Image

Sam 7, Alex 9, and Wendy Burke 11, spot the WestJet #magicplane outside the Stroud Curling Club in preparation for the Escape to Excitement Fundraiser.

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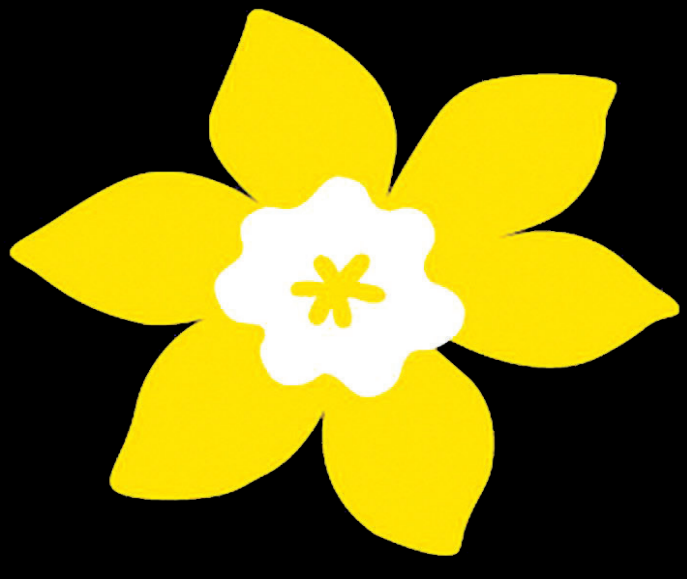

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Public Safety Communications Awards handed out

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LEFT: Ambar Kottick, left, and Ashley Gray, of the South Simcoe police communications centre, stand with Police Chief Rick Beazley. ABOVE: Colin Klutz shares a moment with his mother Claudette after receiving the Youth Award.

IAN MCINROY
Innisfil Examiner

Colin Klutz is a lifesaver.

During the Simcoe County 911 Management Board's Public Safety Communications Awards for 2013, held at the Simcoe County Museum on Tuesday, the seven-year-old was recognized for saving his mother Claudette's life last year.

Colin, from Tottenham, was just six years old at the time when his mother began choking during dinner on March 18, 2013, while her husband Chris, a Toronto police officer, was at work.

She was choking so severely she was unable to speak, according to Cathy Clark, chairwoman of the county's 911 management board.

"Colin, very bravely and very calmly, called 911," she told the crowd at the awards ceremony. "He gave information to Sarah Swanson, the communicator from the Georgian Central Ambulance Communications Centre about his mom's condition, confirmed their location and all the while, reassured his mom that everything was going to be OK.

"Most importantly, Colin followed the instructions he was given by Sarah step by step," Clark added. "He had his mom bend over and start coughing, which dislodged the food from her throat.

"Colin acted with maturity beyond his years and his actions saved his mother's life."

Thanks to advice repeatedly given to him by his father about what to do in the event of an emergency, Colin said he knew what had to be done.

"I realized I had to do something fast and I called 911," he said after the ceremony, while munching on a chocolate chip cookie.

"Every night when I went to bed, my dad got me to remember where I lived in case someone got hurt. I realized everything was going to be OK when I saw her feeling better. I think kids should know more about what to do in case of an emergency."

Claudette is delighted with the recognition her son received.

"I am exceptionally proud of him," she said, her voice full of emotion. "I really thought I was dying. I couldn't get a breath. I happened to look in a mirror and my face was blue and grey."

Chris is equally proud of his son and said he always encouraged Colin to be prepared for an emergency.

"I never thought it would work in our favour one day," he said, adding that all youngsters should know when to call 911 and to remember their home address and phone number.

The county's 911 management board's Public Safety Communications Awards were also handed out to dispatchers at area communications centres.

Three members of the Barrie Fire and Emergency Service communications centre — Carrie Clark-Weatherup, Mary Anne Cousineau and Amanda Wickham — were recognized for helping emergency crews respond to a potential catastrophic forest fire near Bear Creek Secondary School and a natural gas pipeline on May 1, 2013.

Communicators and officers with Barrie police who assisted officers investigating a suicidal man on Sept. 7, 2013 were recognized.

Ambar Kottick and Ashley Gray, of the South Simcoe police communications centre, won a team recognition award for their efforts regarding an armed bank robbery in progress on Nov. 22, 2013.

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GDHS bringing on spring

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Karl Kohnen, owner of Black Forest Garden Centre in King City, was the guest speaker at the Gilford & District Horticultural Society meeting, held Monday.

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Innisfil Examiner

Grass with yellow foliage "is meant for shade, not sun."

Grass with blue foliage is drought resistant. "The bluer the grass, the more drought tolerant it is." And don't expect to see any signs of life from "warm weather" grasses until at least the middle of June.

Those were just some of the tips provided by Karl Kohnen, owner of Black Forest Garden Centre in King City. He was talking to members of the Gilford & District Horticultural Society on April 14, about "Grasses in the Garden."

Drought resistant, hardy, colourful, with a variety of forms that can provide everything from ground cover to privacy screening - grasses can be versatile and attractive.

But they come with several warnings. "Clumpers" may stay in discrete clumps - but even they can grow and eventually take up an extensive area of the garden. Elephant grass, for example, can grow to 12' in height, providing a great privacy screen - but the clumps can grow to 6 to 10 feet in diameter. Cutting it back? "You have to use a power hedge trimmer," Kohnene said. The stems can be as thick as a man's thumb, and woody.

"Runners" - grasses that spread by their roots and rhizomes - can become invasive. Kohnen advised gardeners considering planting "runners" to plant them first in containers, lined with polyester mesh, or in kangaroo bags. "You can bury the bag - you can control the grass... and you have nothing to worry about," he said. His most important advice? "Think about it before you do it."

His talk was followed by a question and answer period. One gardener asked, "Is there grass for your lawn that you don't have to cut?" And his own choice? "Clover - it will smother out weeds... and stays green."

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Why Do I Need A Will?

by Keisha-Ann Shaw Hill

A Will is a written document setting out a person's instructions about what should happen to his/her estate (property) after death. In order for a Will to be valid, it must be written by the Testator, the Testator's signature must be witnessed by two persons, none of whom can be a beneficiary, the Testator must have the requisite capacity to make the Will, there must be no improper or undue influence upon the Testator and the Testator must not have revoked the Will.

A Will can be revoked by
- a subsequent marriage
- making a subsequent Will
- declaring (in writing) an intent to revoke
- physical destruction of the Will by the Testator (burning, tearing etc)

The best reason for making a Will is to avoid what happens if you die without one. In such a case where someone dies Intestate, the Province of Ontario practically "writes" that person's Will, using the distribution table set out in the *Succession Law Reform Act*, having regard to other Ontario succession laws.

Without an Executor / Estate Trustee appointed under a Will, there will be no one with the legal authority to deal with the property or financial affairs of the deceased, including burial costs. Someone, who must be an Ontario resident, will therefore have to make an application into Court to be appointed to act on behalf of the estate. This may cause lengthy delays, and additional legal expenses. Additionally, whatever intentions the deceased may have had for distribution of the estate, even if told to family and friends verbally,(eg: child should inherit the house) will not be legally binding, and cannot be enforce by a Judge.

Under the *Succession Law Reform Act*, an intestate person's estate will be distributed in priority of spouse and children:
- spouse but no issue (children) – spouse entitled to the property absolutely
- spouse & issue – spouse entitled to a preferential share of $200,000. If estate less than $200,000 – spouse entitled to property absolutely
- spouse and 1 child – spouse entitled to $200,000 plus ½ residue of estate; child gets ½ residue of estate
- spouse and more than one child – spouse entitled to $200,000 plus 1/3 of estate; other 2/3 of residue of estate distributed equally among children.

More information can be found at http://www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90s26_e.htm

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South simcoe police officers recognized for February arrest

Taking part the ceremonies were, from left, York Regional Police Deputy Chief Tom Carrique, canine officer Const. Brett Jacques and police services dog Chase, Const. Steve Black and South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley.

MIRIAM KING
Innisfil Examiner

Bradford resident John Jansen, wanted for first degree murder in connection with a death in York Region on Feb. 12, was arrested without incident in Bradford on February 19.

In the April 14 meeting of the Bradford West Gwillimbury-Innisfil Police Services Board, York Regional Police Deputy Chief Tom Carrique and South Simcoe Police Chief Rick Beazley presented commendations to two South Simcoe officers, for their roles in the capture.

Const. Steve Black, canine officer Const. Brett Jacques and police services dog Chase were commended for their actions. Chief Beazley noted that during the extensive police search for the suspect on Feb. 19, Jacques observed a female associate of the suspect, and was able to gain her trust. That led police to the location where Jansen was hiding, and officers were able to persuade him to surrender without incident.

"We're always interested in safety, whether its the safety of the public or the suspect," said Chief Beazley presenting the letter. He noted it was the first time that police had issued a letter of commendation to a police services dog.

York Regional Police Deputy Chief Carrique praised the negotiationing and investigative skills of the South Simcoe police officers.

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Nottawasaga Futures presents annual Business Excellence Awards

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Innisfil Mayor Barb Baguley, centre, poses with award winners at the 17th annual Nottawasaga Futures South Simcoe Business Excellence Awards.

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For a 17th year, Nottawasaga Futures has honoured Business Excellence by handing out awards to new and established businesses in South Simcoe.

The Business Excellence Awards were presented at the Innisfil Town Hall on April 10, to winners from the five South Simcoe municipalities - Adjala-Tosorontio, Bradford West Gwillimbury, Essa Township, Innisfil and New Tecumseth - in categories that included Customer Service, and Entrepreneur of the Year.

The evening began with a brief tribute to the late Jim Flaherty, former federal Finance Minister, who passed away suddenly on April 10 from a suspected heart attack.

MPP for Simcoe-Grey, Jim Wilson said that Flaherty, who had his start in provincial politics, "was a great believer in job creation. He would not allow a policy to come forward unless it created jobs."

Wilson pointed out that job creation is also a function of business. "Those of you who are creating jobs and excelling in your business - thank you!"

Winners were selected by a panel of 16 judges, based on successful operation, contributions to community, principles of management and customer service:

Community Support & Leadership - RBC Financial in Innisfil.

Agriculture Award - Two winners were selected: Dickey Bee Honey of Innisfil; and Sheldon Creek Dairy, Adjala-Tosorontio

Customer Service - Certificates were presented to every business that was nominated. Winner of the Customer Service Award was Angus Borden Music & Entertainment, Essa Twp.

New Business of the Year Award - Genesis Gymnastics of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

Quality Award for Micro Business (1-9 employees) - Sophie's Sweets Cafe & Cake Shop, New Tecumseth.

Quality Award for Small Business (10-24 employees) - Parsons ADL Inc. of New Tecumseth.

Quality Award for Medium Business (25-74 employees) - Trillium Ford Lincoln in Alliston, New Tecumseth.

Quality Award for Large Business (75 or more employees) - Dortec Industries, Bradford West Gwillimbury

Green Transition Award - for introduction of "green" technologies, energy savings and sustainability - Circle Theatre in Alliston, New Tecumseth.

Youth Entrepreneur Award - NorthANomix marketing and promotions of New Tecumseth; Honourable Mention - Beach House Spa & Wellness, New Tecumseth.

Entrepreneur of the Year Award - Alexander Doan School of Music, Innisfil.

Business Excellence Award - Angus Borden Guardian Pharmacy, Essa Twp. Honourable Mention - Bradford Family Dentistry, Bradford West Gwillimbury.

The evening also featured hors d'oeuvres, prepared by local restaurant, The Fork and Plate; live entertainment; and an opportunity to network, for South Simcoe business owners.

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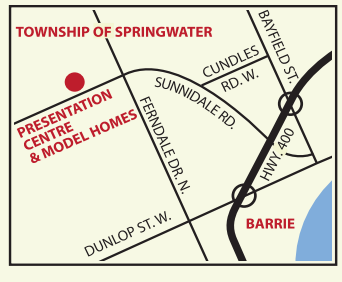

Kudos given to volunteers

MIRIAM KING
QMI Agency

Several hundred people — all of them volunteers, their families and supporters — attended Innisfil's 2nd annual Volunteer Appreciation BBQ, held in the YMCA gym at the Innisfil Recreational Complex on Saturday.

It was a thank-you and a salute to those who "add a lot of value to life in Innisfil," through their voluntarism and actions, said town CAO John Skorobohacz. "Together we make this community a better place."

Mayor Barb Baguley agreed, calling Innisfil "a wonderful community, simply and because of the volunteers who work in this community."

She noted that for every volunteer attending the BBQ, "there's 20 or more who are not here."

The volunteers ranged from a pre-schooler who is a friendly visitor at a nursing home, to 101 year old George Deason, who delivers Meals on Wheels. "Nobody just becomes a volunteer. It's in your DNA," the mayor said. "You make this community stronger and better."

She introduced volunteer Kim Rainey to share her experiences as a volunteer.

Rainey admitted to struggling in high school, feeling isolated, unwelcomed and depressed. Then she was introduced to C.O.P.E. C.O.P.E. (Canine Opportunity, People Empowerment) uses the powerful bond between dog and human to unleash potential, building confidence and leadership in the young people who train donated puppies to become service dogs and, said Rainey, "C.O.P.E. in a way saved my life.

"It was amazing. The dogs made you feel really good about yourself. When you're down, the dogs make you feel better, feel valued. Canines in the classroom gave me the opportunity to realize that."

It has been two years since Rainey graduated from high school. She has been working in a kennel and volunteering with the C.O.P.E. program, but felt it wasn't enough. She will be heading back to school, to Georgian College this fall, to become a child and youth worker. She plans to continue using dogs in therapy, because they "make you realize you're worth so much more than you think."

The volunteers enjoyed food and cold drinks donated by Alcona Sobeys, Tim Hortons and Everything Maple & More as well as hot dogs and hamburgers cooked up by the Enbridge BBQ team. Town staff and councillors stood in line to serve the volunteers.

It was the town's way, said Mayor Baguley, of saying "thank you for the hundreds of thousands of hours you give our community each year."

There were plenty of young volunteers in the YMCA gym on Saturday during the Innisfil Volunteer Appreciation BBQ, but the oldest had to be 101 year old George Deason, left, a Meals on Wheels driver for years. RIGHT: Cutting the cake were, from left, Coun. Richard Simpson, Mayor Barb Baguley, Coun. Lynn Dollin and Student Mayor for the Month of April, River Soares.
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Friends of the Cookstown Public Library Glenna Ogle, left, and Sheila Olesen enjoy the Volunteer Appreciation BBQ at the Innisfil Recreation Complex on Saturday, April 12, 2014. The Friends raise funds for programming at the Innisfil Public Library, including author visits.

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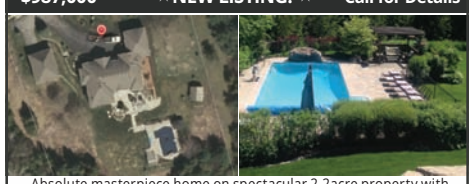

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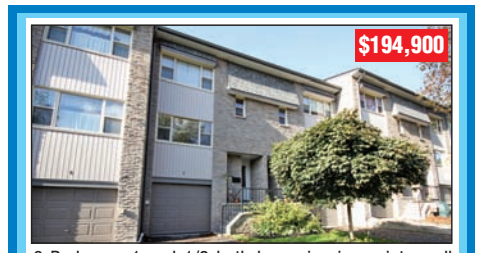

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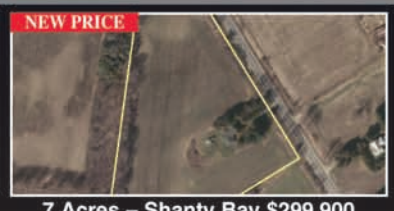

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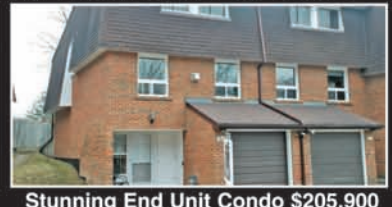

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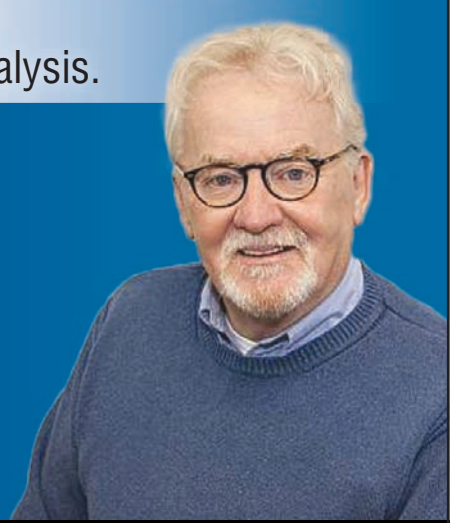

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NC) Assessing the best return for your investment is paramount when undertaking home improvement projects. This means putting a priority on the jobs that are likely to be more valuable than others.

"Summer is an ideal time to get outside and invest your time, money and resources in a project that is going to pay back when it comes time to sell your home," says Ralph Steven, a broker with Royal LePag Atlantic, an agency with offices in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. He recommends investing in these top five outdoor home improvements:

1. Build a deck or patio. A deck or patio not only adds visual interest and enjoyment, it is also a way to add to the resale value of your home. There are many designs and approaches to consider so start with a trip to your local library to research ideas and choose an approach that fits your time and budget. Be sure to plan well ahead and to check your municipal building requirements as a building permit may be required for decks above a certain size and height.

2. Install a sprinkler system. On average, homeowners use 50 per cent more water than necessary on their lawns. This increases hydro bills and may subject your basement to seepage and your garden from damage from over watering. Automatic lawn sprinkler systems are designed to allow proper irrigation through timing and even water distribution. Although there's an initial cost of installation, you could save money in the long run.

3. Landscape your property. Landscaping is a great way to add visual interest to an outdoor living space. Whether planning a garden or building a pond, landscaping often results in a significant return on your investment. However, always consult a trained professional before tackling a landscaping project to ensure that your project has all the elements of a professional project.

4. Build or replace a fence. Defining the limits of your property is important for a variety of reasons, including privacy, security and safety. Considering your specific needs will help you to choose the right fence. Ultimately, the fence has to fit with how you use your yard. Do your research and consult with neighbours to determine if you can complete the project jointly.

5. Re-shingle a tired roof. A strong, durable roof is an essential component of your home's overall health and functionality. If your roof is showing signs of wear, such as raised shingles or water seepage, choosing a qualified roofing contractor is a good first step. If you decide to do the job yourself, you'll want to estimate the materials required accurately, consider disposal options for the old shingles, and ensure that you have plenty of hands available to make light work of a rigorous one-day job.

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Fantastic views overlooking Kempenfelt Bay from all 4 floors & 3 decks. Over 5600 sqft on the edge of downtown Barrie. Walking trail at your front door. Features inc. Elevator, master suite with fireplace, designer kitchen with granite c/tops. Call for more details.

SOUTHERLY EXPOSURE WATERFRONT

85' Southerly exposure lake front cottage. Built in 1966 boasts panoramic views of Kempenfelt Bay/Big Bay Point. Also offers 22'x18' bunkie when upgraded gives the option of entertaining guests in their own unit. Boat house, concrete dock and further dock extension. Beautiful piece of property

WATERFRONT VIEWS IN BARRIE

Luxury 'Advantage' home. Features ICF construction, silent floor system, cathedral ceilings, heated floors, freshly painted...Just to start. Open concept layout, lg breakfast bar, granite/slate/bamboo/hardwood flooring. Lg main floor master w/5pc ensuite (steam shower) & his/her closets **kids can have their own loft area upstairs. 2 Bedrooms & 4pc bath. 10+++ Sought after area.

181 COLLIER STREET - HIGHLY DESIRABLE BAYCLUB!

Bright/spacious 3 bdrm, 2 bath condo w/sunken living rm. Corian counters, lg screened in balcony w/panoramic view over the city & Kempenfelt Bay. Indr parking/lg locker. Superb amenities offered inc pool*tennis crt*workshop*exercise*library & lots more. Walking distance to downtown, waterfront, restaurants & parks walking trail.

LOOK WHAT'S SPRUNG UP THIS SPRING!

Welcome to 10 Autumn Lane located in beautiful and mature Allandale. This two storey home on a pie shaped lot is loaded with features that will accelerate your summer fun. Fabulous backyard designed for entertaining. **Your private Oasis offers 5yr old KOHO salt water pool (waterfall), Freestyle 8 man hot tub (3yrs), Out-door shower, Cedar Sauna (4yrs old), Built-In Napoleon Outdoor Gas Fireplace.** All weather speakers around yard. Home is absolutely spotless and offers lifetime guaranteed metal roof, all newer windows (4yrs), Gas BBQ hook up, water softener owned, hardwood, ceramics, fully finished cozy basement with additional 3 piece bath and bedroom. Shows 10++ Walking distance to the Kempenfelt Bay, shopping, schools and 3min to Go Train. Call for more details!

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- Two professionals working for you with over 45 years of combined experience
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- Open Houses and Feature Sheets
- Professional Photography and Virtual Tours
- 2 Full Time Realtors Available 24/7 for Calls, Emails or Texts
- Free Home Evaluations

ADULT COMMUNITY LIVING - SANDY COVE

2 bdrm, 2 bath home located in stress free Sandy Cove Acres. This adult community is a lifestyle for those wanting walking distance to all amenities. Enjoy rec centers, library, pools and loads of other activities. Home offers open concept layout, newer high-end windows (2008), newer roof, all new flooring throughout, updated bathroom. All 5 appliances, central A/C, awning, shed and 2 parking spots with this home. Great curb appeal. Call for more info.

What's your garden personality?

(NC) It is true that the plants, flowers and accessories we choose for our garden say a lot about our individual personalities. For example, the well-ordered European gardens are for the elegant traditionalist. Embracing the whimsical feeling of an English country garden evokes the carefree and outgoing. And the serenity of a contemporary, Japanese-style space is for the Zen-inspired calm urbanite. If you can see your personality instantly, here from Home Depot, is the way to create it:

Elegant European style

For those who enjoy formality and classic symmetry, focus on clean, simple structures, such as a four-square or knot-garden design. Create a centre path laid in stone, gravel or cobblestones with an aged appearance, radiating away from your house. Make separate garden sections by creating additional off-shooting paths. Outline the beds with low, solid evergreen hedges or clipped topiary. Fill the beds with fragrant roses, violets and lavender - even herbs such as rosemary. Where the paths meet, add a statue or water feature, such as a fountain, low pool or pond edged in concrete or stone.

Country-style charm

Create your own English-country charm by choosing plants in a variety of upbeat colours, such as foxgloves, columbines, daisies, lilacs, lilies and pansies, and planting them in curved beds. Create a snacking ground for butterflies and birds with clusters of cornflowers and sunflowers. Add a white trellis of climbing ivy, and lush, wisteria or trumpet-vine-filled lattice and make a path with stepping-stones. You can also create an English garden using strategically placed containers and planters, either in bright plastics or painted pots that add to the riot of colour.

Urban Zen

Contemporary gardens focus on natural and irregular forms to help achieve peace and harmony. Focus on minimal and seemingly random rock placements, mass plantings of easy-care grasses, and multiple water features. Strategically placed Japanese black pines or red maples, stone bridges and slab seats are places for quiet contemplation. Achieve this garden style in small spaces using simple pots and containers, ornamental grasses, a portable waterfall and bamboo accents. You will be rewarded with a slice of nature that brings calm and beauty to your life.

Additional information is available in-store, or online at www.homedepot.ca/garden-club.

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Build up a plan for a smart renovation

NC) – Everyone has heard a construction horror story, either through a friend, family member, or on a home improvement program. Whether it's about contractor work not performed to code or to customer specifications, or about projects taking longer than expected, or a story about costs going way over budget, home renovations can be a stressful endeavour.

Did you know that 40 percent of households (in 10 regions of the country) have indeed renovated their home — and that three-quarters of those households used a contractor to do all, or some of the work? Those were the findings of a survey conducted by the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation.

"Spending thousands of dollars on your home is a big decision, so selecting the right contractor is an important step," says Wayne Ross, an insurance expert at Aviva Canada. "And while stories of renovation headaches are frequent, there are thousands of reputable contractors out there. A little preparation beforehand will certainly ease the stress."

Ross offers these tips to help you finish your summer renovation projects with better success:

• Connect with previous customers: Ask your friends for referrals of contractors that they've used, especially on similar projects. Request additional referrals from possible candidates.

• Look for consistency and permanence: The ideal service provider has a physical business office and address and has been in business for a number of years under the same name.

• Do a legal check: Ensure contractors are licensed by your province and that they have insurance, so they are covered if they are injured during the project.

• Notify your insurer: Contact your insurance broker to discuss whether any of the renovations will require an adjustment to your home policy.

By following these simple tips, you'll finish your summer renovation projects with success. More information is available from your insurance broker or at avivacanada.com.

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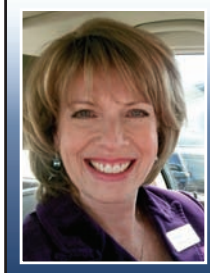

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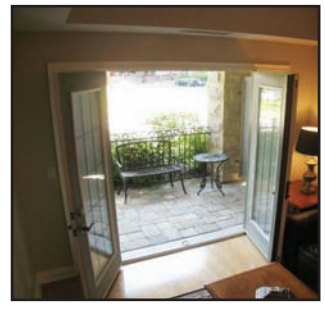
GO FISH!
Winter is almost over - and that means it's time to start thinking about swimming at the cottage! This great property features 50' of sandy waterfront on Lake Simcoe! Featuring 3 bedrooms, this year round home offers spectacular sunrise views! With warm pine throughout and a stone fireplace for cozy nights!

FENCE ME IN
Charming, 3 bedroom sidesplit on quiet steet in convenient Barrie neighbourhood. Large, private fenced-in yard for the dog and kids. Updated mocha coloured kitchen cabinetry with stainless steel fridge and stove. Luxurious ceramic, bamboo and hardwood flooring. Close to parks, waterfront, and GO station! Come take a look!

SUMMER DREAMIN'
Brand new 3 bedroom home TO BE BUILT on large lot in mature neighbourhood in historic Lefroy! Just a short walk to a sandy waterfront park where you can dip your toes in the lake! Park your boat at Monto Reno Marina at the end of the street and enjoy all Lake Simcoe has to offer!

HOLD YOUR HORSES!
Great opportunity to own nearly 20 acres close to Barrie in Wyevale! Two barns with several stalls each and lots of hay storage above, large fenced paddock with track, several fenced smaller paddocks, and separate large workshop! Unique 1 1/2 storey home with 3 bedrooms, bright kitchen. Call Sharon to view!

THE SUITE LIFE!
Enjoy one of the most prestigious condo addresses in Barrie! Elegant main floor suite features private patio, 9' ceilings, ceramic and hardwood flooring, Corian countertops, 2 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms including ensuite, and 2 indoor parking spots. Just a short stroll to restaurants, shops, Kempenfelt Bay and all downtown amenities.



SUNNY STROUD!
Cute and positively cozy 2 bedroom ranch bungalow in a great location! Enclosed porch off the kitchen leads to the large backyard; and there's an added workshop at the rear of the garage - great for the hobbyist or possible home based business! Close to grocery store, restaurants, coffee shop, GO transit, everything!

THE MARKET IS *HEATING UP!*

ATTENTION! We have active buyers waiting for new listings! Please call if you are interested in selling your home!

$237,900 ★NEW LISTING!★ ID#114519C

Great starter home or investment property! All brick freehold townhome with 3+1 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms in convenient north end location close to college, public transportation, amenities & hospital. 2 parking spots (no side-walk) and fully fenced yard. Clean, bright home with patio doors to yard and all appliances included. Immediate occupancy available.

$725,000 ★WHY RENT A SHOP WHEN YOU CAN OWN?★ ID#48705C

Totally updated 113 year old character home on gorgeous 1 acre property features a huge 105'x40' shop with a heated/finished area and endless income potential. 3 finished flrs, 4 level elevator and over 2600 sqft finished. If you rent a shop, you should be looking at this property. Ultra convenient location at the doorstep of Barrie.

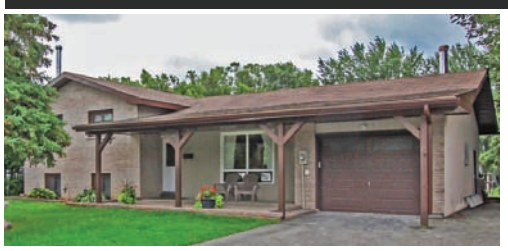
$899,900 ★ JUST WOW! ★ ID#79746C

- Extremely desirable in-town estate area
- Huge 1.5 acre property
- Over 7,000 sqft finished
- 7 bedrooms and 4+1 baths
- Huge circular driveway
- Multi-level in-law apartment!
- 18x36 in ground salt water pool
- Awesome rec room overlooking pool area

$450,000 ★HUGE 3RD FLOOR LOFT!★ ID#109683C

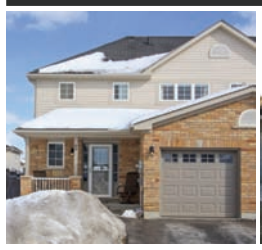
- Huge 4 bedroom home in desirable neighborhood
- Fantastic 3rd floor loft
- Hardwood, 9' ceilings....
- Great school zoning!
- Rare 2nd floor laundry
- Bright open concept layout

$317,900 ★HUGE IN-TOWN YARD! ★ ID#82132C



Looking for an in-town home with huge yard? Character home with large yard in mature area. Close to all the amenities, park & schools. Yard is over 1/3 acre! Generous size kitchen overlooks living rm. New hardwood in living room, updated cabinets, stainless appliances + new sink, updated doors/trim. 3+1 bedrooms and finished bsmt with large rec room, wood stove and stone wall. Tons of potential!

$269,900 ★NEW LISTING!★ ID#114520C



Rare opportunity to own an affordable home on a quiet cul de sac! Truly a unique semi in a very desirable south Barrie loc'n. Practical open concept with nice kitchen open to living area. 3 bdrms/3 baths including one in finished bsmt. Beautiful yard with well-designed uppr/lwr terrace interlock areas, gazebo (incl) + walkway lights. Pride of ownership very evident! Quick access to hwy or GO station + all amenities.

$550,000 ★ SURROUNDED BY OAK TREES! ★ ID#113271C

Exceptional home in very sought after area! Largest lot on street with beautiful yard sur-rounded by massive oak trees. Tons of room & very spacious kitchen. Countless recent upgrades incl 3 washrooms, furnace and roof. Other items of note incl hardwood, pot lts, 3 w/o to deck, wood f/p, crown, IG sprinklers, interlock driveway & walkways, fully fenced + extensive landscaping including waterfall & armor stone. One of a kind!

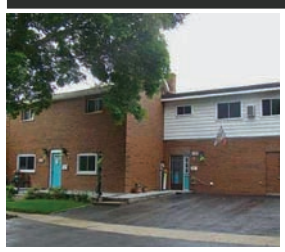
$235,000 ★NEW LISTING!★ ID#111581C

Build your dream home! Rare cul-de-sac estate lot in prestigious estate area just minutes from [illegible] ties of Barrie. 1.3 acre lot with [illegible] ge and fully treed with mixture of [illegible] softwood. Close to the lake and [illegible] by nature. Great neighborhood with lots of young families. Truly a hidden gem with the perfect combination of privacy & convenience. No HST on lot price.

$719,900 ★PRIVATE OASIS BACKYARD!★ ID#107194C

Rare opportunity on exclusive cul-de-sac with triple garage. Huge pie-shape lot backing onto forest. Oasis yard with in-ground pool, waterfalls, terraced patio, built-in hot tub, cabana, built-in bbq + surrounded by forest! Nearly 3500sqft finished with fine finishings t/out....hardwood, pot lts, 9' clgs + cathedral, granite, hardwood stairs/railing.... Huge master with his/her closets. Rare find in a premier location!

$489,900 ★ ATTENTION INVESTORS!!★ ID#100266C



Legal triplex. Complex includes (1) 3 bdrm/2 bath unit, (2) 1 bdrm/1 bath unit + granny suite....all generating income. Nicely landscaped yard with shared access inground pool. Shared coin laundry, large storage shed, hardwood floors and 2 fireplaces. 100% occupied & rents out very easily.

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Put safety first for do-it-yourself projects

(NC) Every homeowner encounters the opportunity to take on a do-it-yourself project at one time or another. "It's gratifying to see a project come to fruition and know that you've had a hand in its success," says Corinne Lyall, a broker with Royal LePage Benchmark in Calgary Alberta. "However, there are basic safety tips every homeowner should consider before rolling out the tool chest." Lyall recommends the following:

1. Dress with your safety in mind. Fortunately, serious injuries can be easily prevented with simple precautions. If you have long hair, tie it back. Remove jewelry and loose clothing that could get caught in machinery.

2. Wear a dust mask, respirator and safety goggles. Understand the materials you're working with and protect against inhaling dust particles or fumes. Similarly, safety goggles reduce the likelihood of sustaining injury to the eyes.

3. When working with electricity, wear rubber-soled shoes. Rubber acts as an insulator and reduces conductivity of electricity and your chances of electrocution. However, in most cases, electrical repairs should be left to professionals.

4. Keep any machinery and equipment in top shape. Drill bits, cutters, and other blades that are left to dull can cause injuries. Dull blades can bind or kickback. Keep your blades sharp and up-to-date.

5. Use ladders safely. For every four feet of height, your ladder should sit at least one foot from the vertical surface upon which it is leaning. Know the height of your ladder and situate it accordingly. Never step on the top two rungs of a ladder.

Before beginning any DIY project, be proactive, do your research and put your personal safety first. More information on household projects can be found at www.royallepage.ca.

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Avoid these common home renovation mistakes

(NC) Be aware of a common misstep made by homeowners when it comes to getting the best price for their house. While customizing your surroundings is a desirable way to make it your own, consider how much is too much, says Ralph Steven, a broker with Royal LePage Atlantic. "I always advise against over-personalization and to keep future buyers in mind before you leap into any renovation project." Steven suggests the following:

Avoid customized heights for kitchen and bathroom countertops. A tall or short person may be inclined to customize counter heights to accommodate their stature. This is never a good idea. Don't deviate from the standard countertop height of 36 inches as you will limit your potential to find future buyers for your home.

Don't over-renovate. As a rule of thumb, only renovate to the same level as your neighbours. Pouring additional funds into renovations, particularly amounts in excess of similar homes around you, will affect your situation when it comes time to sell. If your home has to be priced well above the average resale prices of homes in your community, it could make it harder to sell or require more time on the market.

Keep that bathtub. Many homeowners renovate a small bathroom to make it more roomy by replacing a tub with a large shower. While that's a great option if you have a bathtub in another bathroom, it's never a good idea to leave your home tubless. Potential buyers look for ways to bathe small children or perhaps take a healing soak when needed.

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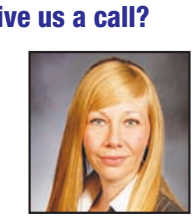

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OPEN HOUSE SAT 1:30 TO 3PM

LOVELY LARGE PRIVATE TREED LOT

This cozy 3 bedroom home sits on a fabulous 80' x 205' in-town lot. Oversized insulated garage with its own furnace/2010 and huge storage loft or possible in law suite. Gleaming hardwood floors. Home Gas Furnace 2009. C/Air 2010. Shingles 2007. Shows very well. Close to schools, shops, rec centre and a five minute stroll to the lake. Pride of Ownership. *Dir: Innisfil Beach Rd to 25th Side road to Happy Vale Dr*

GREAT LOCATION JUST STEPS TO THE LAKE

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SECRE[illegible] ACRES

• Co[illegible] Lifestyle Park • Modified Royal [illegible] • Large Master Bedroom with 2pc ensuite • Newer attractive Laminate flooring • Newer big front window and front door • Bright and airy Cozy sunroom Vinyl siding • Shows well- Just move in and Enjoy Life

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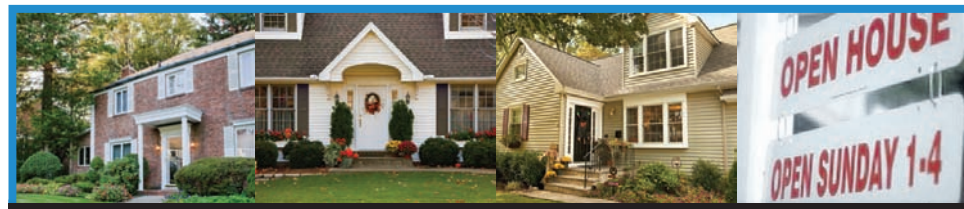

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Executive home on ravine. Bsmnt w/out to treed vista. Sought after Kingswood. 4 bd. 3 bth. Vaulted ceiling. Massive upper decking. Nature trails lead through forest to sandy beach! Sun filled 37' rec rm walks out to interlock, sunny, patio.
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668 BROADVIEW AVE. ORILLIA

Beautiful sandy shoreline with panoramic & sunset views in much sought after Couchiching Point; large lot (70'x250') with mature trees; 5 bedrooms, 3 full bathrooms plus 1-2 pc; walk-outs from kitchen, family room & upstairs office; couple of minutes walk from lakeside park trails where you can walk, bike or roller blade! Has a lot to offer at this price!! #1400751

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PRICED AT $519,000

This home is a stay-cation property you won't believe. Backing onto green space that is treed, the backyard has been turned into an oasis. No need for a vacation property with this backyard- pool, hot tub & cabana! Recently finished basement will WOW you, and many upgrades throughout this Innisfil home. For detailed information go to: www.thewalkerteam.ca/1917webster

For more information go to: www.thewalkerteam.ca

122 FERNDALE DRIVE SOUTH

Executive 1650 Sq Bungalow

Enjoy this Spacious Ranch style brick bung in Barrie's south end. Huge family sized Eatin Kit flows into Main Floor Family room with FP & Walkout to deck.. Sep Dining Room. Sep Living Room with Gas FP. All 3 bedrooms private from main living area. Ceramics, Cent Air, Bright Skylite, Inviting Foyer. Shingles approx 4 years ago. 1 ½ Baths, Double Garage & drive. Basement unfinished. See Virtual tour & call for your Private viewing. MLS 1402446

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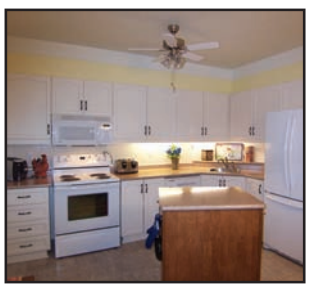

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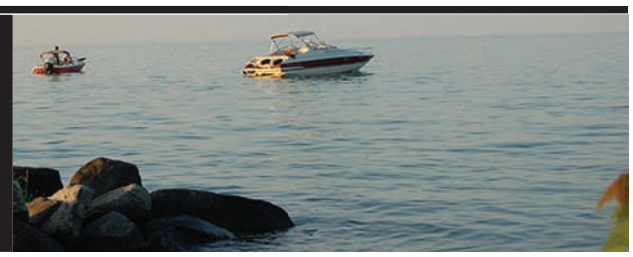

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Obituaries

CYR, Noel - Noel Cyr died peacefully, at Nipissing Manor, Corbeil, Ontario on Wednesday, April 9, 2014. He was in his 89th year. Noel was the beloved husband of Yvette (Legace) of Restoule and loving father of Steve of Erie, Richard of Innisfil, Sandra of Oklahoma, Wayne of Palgrave, Dan of Waterloo, Lee of Alliston and Terry of Restoule. He was the proud Pepe of several grand and great-grandchildren. Cremation has taken place. A private family service will take place at a later date. If desired, memorial donations to the Restoule Corner Gospel Church are suggested (cheques only please). For more information, to make a donation, or to leave a condolence message please contact the **PAUL FUNERAL HOME, Powassan** (705) 724-2024 or visit www.paulfuneralhome.ca

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Community Bulletin

APRIL, 18, 2014

Town Council Meetings

Wednesday, May 7, 2014
- **7:00 pm** Public Meeting - By-Law Amendment to Adopted Comprehensive Zoning By-Law 080-13 - Registered Plans of Subdivision 51M-852 and 51M-897, and 14 lots (Lots 68-69, 71-72, 75-84) within Registered Plan 51M-905
- **7:15 pm** Regular Council Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2014
- **6:30 pm** Public Meeting – Source Water Protection and Water Taking Policies
- **6:30 pm** Public Meeting – Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-Law Amendment – 0 10 Sideroad, N Pt Lot 10 Con 6
- **6:30 pm** Public Meeting – Official Plan Amendment & Zoning By-Law Amendment – 3833 Stone Gate Place, Lot 17-19 RP 908

Wednesday, May 21, 2014
- **7:15 pm** Regular Council Meeting

Meetings subject to change. Please visit the Town's website to view the most updated listing.

Board/Committee Meetings

Public Library Board
April 22, 2014 at 7:00 pm, Cookstown Library Branch
Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board
May 5, 2014 at 7:00 pm, South Division Station, Jonkman Community Room
Committee of Adjustment
May 8, 2014 at 1:30 pm, Town Hall, Council Chambers
Accessibility Advisory Committee
May 13, 2014 at 1:00 pm, Town Hall, Community Rooms B & C
Community Health Committee
May 15, 2014 at 1:30 pm, Town Hall, Meeting Room 2
Meetings subject to change. Please visit the Town's website to view the most updated listing.

Tax Bill Reminder

Property Tax Bill Reminder

Next Installment due on April 29.

Got questions? Call 705-436-3710

Library Opportunity

Innisfil Public Library Board invites applications for the position of **LIBRARY CIRCULATION ASSISTANT PART-TIME - Relief**

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Innisfil Public Library
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FAX : 705-431-4898
Email: jasselstine@innisfil.library.on.ca
Subject line to read: Circulation Assistant Application

Public Meeting

ZONING By-Law AMENDMENT
to adopted Comprehensive Zoning By-law 080-13

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the Town of Innisfil will hold a Public Meeting on **Wednesday, May 7, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the Council Chambers located at the Town Hall at 2101 Innisfil Beach Road**. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to obtain public comments on a proposed Amendment to the Zoning By-law No. 080-13, as amended, of the Town of Innisfil under Section 34 of the *Planning Act*.

The lands affected by the proposed Amendment to the Town of Innisfil adopted Zoning By-law No. 080-13 are Registered Plans of Subdivision 51M-852 and 51M-897, and 14 lots (Lots 68-69, 71-72, 75-84) within Registered Plan 51M-905. The location of the lands subject to the proposed Amendment are shown on the attached **Key Maps**.

THE PURPOSE of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is to exempt Plan of Subdivision 51M-852 and 51M-897 from the minimum landscape area, maximum garage projection requirements and maximum garage width requirements of Zoning By-law No. 080-13 (Section 3.16). Lots within Plan of Subdivision 51M-905 are proposed to be rezoned from R1-38 to R2-X to exempt the lots from the maximum garage projection requirements and re-instate the appropriate zone category and associated provisions for the size of the lots in the approved Plan.

THE EFFECT of the proposed Amendment is to grandfather the zoning regulations that were in place when these Plans of Subdivision were registered, to allow development to continue in the same manner on the same street.

ANY PERSON may attend the Public Meeting, and make oral and/or written submissions either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. **Please note that if no member of the public or Council expresses concern prior to or at the public meeting regarding this proposed amendment, Council may approve the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment and its associated By-law on the same night – May 7, 2014**

IF YOU WISH to be notified of the adoption of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Town of Innisfil at 2101 Innisfil Beach Road, Innisfil, Ontario L9S 1A1.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY that files an appeal of a decision of the Council of the Town of Innisfil in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment does not make oral submissions at the Public Meeting, or make written submissions to the Town of Innisfil before the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is adopted, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the Application for Zoning By-law Amendment will be available for inspection between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., on weekdays at the Town's Customer Service Department. You may also contact Michael Eckstein, Zoning Administrator, at (705)-436-3740 ext. 3314, or by e-mail at meckstein@innisfil.ca.

DATED AT THE TOWN OF INNISFIL THIS
17th DAY OF APRIL, 2014
KAREN FRASER, ACTING CLERK
TOWN OF INNISFIL

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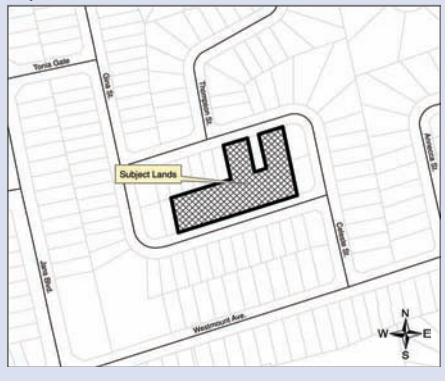

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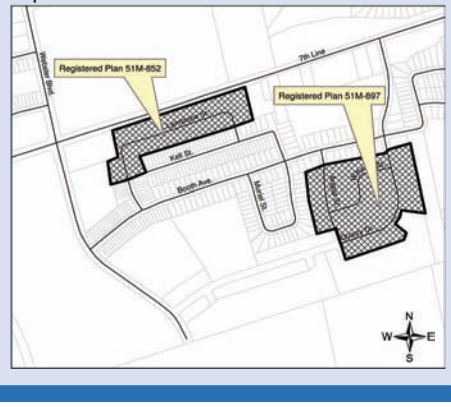

Easter Holiday Closure

Town offices will be closed on Good Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21 for Easter Monday. Open for regular business hours on Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

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Good Friday and Easter Monday Collection

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For more information:
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